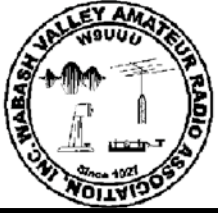


## REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th,  
Mar. 5: (old Post Office bldg.) Turn south at Hulman and 8th. Talk-in:  
146.685 RPT; (PL 151.4 MHz). Park in front or north of building.

The Board meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.  
Our meetings are open. Visitors are welcome!

Every The Club Station is open, 7 - 9 P.M., First Thursday, Downstairs,  
Thursday: Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd. Other Thursdays, New Club Station,  
N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho. Entrance and parking east of Bldg.



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## SPECIAL EVENTS

DUGGER HAMFEST, Community building in the park,  
west end of town on highway 54, opening 8A.M. .... March 6

WVARA HAMFEST 3614 Maple Ave., T. H. .... March 13

BRENTLINGER AWARD DINNER ..... March 20

CLAY CO. WX SPOTTERS' CLASS, 6 P.M., Brazil  
Library, 204 N. Walnut St. .... April 15

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## LEGISLATIVE THREAT DISAPPEARS - FOR NOW

Indiana legislative efforts that caused initial concern for mobile radio operations, including Amateur Radio, are apparently now over for the current session with no further risk seen on the near horizon. Several bills were introduced in the state house and at least one in the state senate recently, but all have subsequently died.

The proposed new laws were intended to control or eliminate the use of text message devices while driving, however many cases of vague language as the bills were written created possible threats to all users of mobile radio equipment. Specific exemptions were included for some users, such as volunteer fire fighters while en route to an emergency, and an exemption was included for ham radio at the last minute in the House. (See Feb. Article, p.1.)

One measure in particular, HB 1279, was amended in committee, then passed by the full House by a large margin ( 94 - 3 ) but died after assignment to the senate's "Committee on Corrections." The Chairman of that committee, Brent Steele of Bedford, refused to schedule any action on the measure, effectively killing the measure.

The intended effect of each proposal would have dealt a death blow to use of text messaging while driving a vehicle which recent survey data shows to be a very popular idea by more than 80% of Hoosier voters. Senator Steele is reported to believe such legislation would violate personal freedoms, and has indicated his opposition to any such matter.

The matter is closed for this session of the state Legislature however the very high poll numbers and popularity in the House virtually guarantee the subject to be back and demonstrates the need for continued vigilance inside our ham community.

- Dave, N9FMD



The date is Saturday, March 13!  
Location is the National Guard Armory on Maple Avenue, just west of Terre Haute North High School. Just look for the TANK parked outside!

It will be indoors, rain or shine! Table setup begins at 6 P.M. Friday, March 12 and continues at 6 A.M. Saturday morning. Doors open to vendors at 7 A.M. with opening to the public at 8. A talk-in will be available on 146.685 (PL 151.4).

Admission is \$5 (12 and under free). Tables will again be free this year but only a limited number are available.

There will be hourly drawings for door prizes, forum at 10 A.M. plus ARRL VEC coordinated testing at 11:00 A.M.

In order for this event to be a success we need your help. This year, Keith, WA9DRO, will handle the talk-in and Jerry, W9TWR, will coordinate the ticket sales. They will need assistance, so if you would like to help, please contact them.

And don't forget the afterward! That's teardown/cleanup time. We will need as many people as possible to help afterward with this activity. We will greatly appreciate everyone who can help.

Your help will make this hamfest a success and to continue to see it grow. Please contact us if you would like to help. Thanks.

Nick Vinardi, N9WG - 2010 Hamfest Chairman [N9WG@ARRL.NET](mailto:N9WG@ARRL.NET) (812) 230-1760

### This Month's Program

It's a hands-on knot-tying class on how, for instance, to tie knots that won't slip for those antenna guy lines. Chuck, W9COD and Ken, W9VKD, are the presenters.

### BRENTLINGER AWARD DINNER

This year's Brentlinger Award dinner will be Saturday, March 20. It has a new location this year, at St. Ann's, lower level, Kramer Hall, 1436 Locust. (Where they have the fish fry!) Talk-in will be on 146.685 - pl 151.4 Hz.



The Club is providing meat and drinks, including coffee, tea and lemonade. It's a pitch-in so everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass to complement this.

Arrival time is around 6:30 P.M., with the meal at 7.

The speaker this year is Dr. Gary Stouder, K9SG, from Greenfield, IN. The subject of his talk is "Preparing for Medical Care on DXpeditions. Gary has been medical officer on two recent DXpeditions.

### Local Nets

Tuesday Evening 8:00 P.M. ET  
Parke Co. Em. Svs. Net 146.745/R

Wednesday Evening 9:00 P.M. ET  
Clark Co. ARES Net 146.595/S

Thursday Evening 9:00 P.M. ET  
CAARLA Net 146.685/R

Sunday Morning 8:20 A.M. ET  
Vigo Co. ARES NET 146.685/R

Sunday Evening 9:00 P.M. ET  
WVARA Net 146.685/R\*

\* First Sunday of the month is Simplex night. The WVARA Net meets that night on 146.595/S



## General Meeting Minutes 02/08/10

The meeting of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association was called to order by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX, at 7:05 P.M. EST. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Procarione, W9COD. Those having new license were Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Austin Stemis, KC9RBD and Steve Ridge, KC9RBU. Joe Hawker, K9YHX, upgraded to Extra Class. ANNOUNCEMENTS: (1) Board meeting will follow this meeting. (2) The WVARA Hamfest will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the National Guard Armory on Maple Ave. There are two vendors coming at this time. (3) The Brentlinger Award Dinner will be held on Saturday March 20, at St. Ann's. It will be a carry-in-dinner with a speaker. (4) The dues for the 2010 year are past due. (5) The Dayton Bus will run again this year. The fee from Terre Haute will be \$35.00 and \$25.00 from other locations. This may be the last year as a full bus is needed to cover the cost of the transportation. (6) A possible outing for the club may occur this month. The Dana LORAN Station will be closing and if possible a tour of the facility may take place before then. (7) There are five hams taking the Extra Upgrade Class Ron Young, AB9GI, reported. (8) The CAARLA Group will meet at A Gathering Place in Sullivan on Saturday, Feb. 13. All are welcome. (9) The QCWA will meet at Pizza City at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday Feb. 13. (10) Bob Fredricks, KB9PTM, announced the Dugger Hamfest will be held on Saturday, March 6 beginning at 8:00 A.M. at the Dugger Park. (11) It was noted that Delbert Cox, W9QK, is having surgery today. (12) David Pifer, N9YNF, stated he has talked with the hosting company for the list server regarding problems people were having receiving e-mails from the list. SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's Report, presented by Bette Young, KC9GWT, was accepted as published in *The Bandspread*. TREASURER'S REPORT: Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer, moved his report with a balance of \$10,797.94 in all accounts, be accepted. Ken Hauptli, W9VKD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. OLD BUSINESS: (1) Chuck, W9COD and Ted, K9SGL, spoke about the Farrington Grove Fire House. Several parties are interested in the building and the city will have the building appraised and then sealed bids will be taken. NEW BUSINESS: (1) The budget for 2010 was presented. John VanSandt, N9YRX, moved the budget be accepted. Gary Adams, W9EEU, seconded the motion. Motion carried. (2) Kevin Berlen, President, placed Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL's, name before the Club as Board Member at Large. Ken Hauptli, W9VKD, seconded the motion. Chuck then moved nominations be closed. Gary Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ted was, in effect, elected by acclamation. (3) Special Guest Michael Copland an insurance agent with Reserve Recovery spoke to the Club about how to leave a lasting gift or contribute to a scholarship fund to benefit the Club. Steve Ridge, KC9RBU, won the Halfpot drawing. The program was "Check Your Rig" and Kevin was busy for quite some time checking many rigs. His time and expertise were very appreciated.

-Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes 02/08/10

The WVARA Board met on Friday, January 8, 2010, at 9:33 P.M. Members present were Kevin Berlen, K9HX, President; Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice-President; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer; Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Past President and Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Board Member At Large. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Bette presented the Secretary's Report, which was approved as printed in *The Bandspread*. Gary moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted and Ted seconded the motion. Motion carried. OLD BUSINESS: (1) Kevin stated he needed help getting supplies for the repeater upgrade. Gary stated he would help. (2) Club Station #2 needs power supplies. Steve will get a laptop for about \$400.00 for Station #2. (3) David has talked with the company concerning the list server. (4) Time is needed to work on the Parke County Digi per Kevin. (5) Chuck is still working on the Farrington Grove Fire House acquisition project. He stated a letter had been received the building would be appraised and then disposed of to the highest bidder. (6) The 2010 meeting schedule is as follows: March - Knot Tying; April - Earthquake/Emergency Prep; May - ARES Presentation and June - Field Day Planning and cookout. (7) The WVARA Hamfest will be March 13, at the Armory. An announcement will be put on the list server and people are needed to help. (8) Gary, K9ERE, stated articles are still needed for *The Bandspread*. (9) More participants are needed for the Dayton Bus if we are to continue to run it each year. NEW BUSINESS: (1) The Brentlinger Award Dinner and program will be held on Saturday, March 20, at St. Ann's. It will be a carry-in dinner and the Club will provide the meat. (2) Due to the closing of the Dana Loran Station a field trip needs to happen before the end of this month. (3) Nick stated he needed more time to prepare for the audit. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 P.M.

-Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

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### Board Of Directors:

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### Webmaster:

David Pifer, N9YNF  
 Contact the webmaster at [webmaster@w9uuu.org](mailto:webmaster@w9uuu.org) to join our list Server or if you have a problem receiving the *eBandspread*.

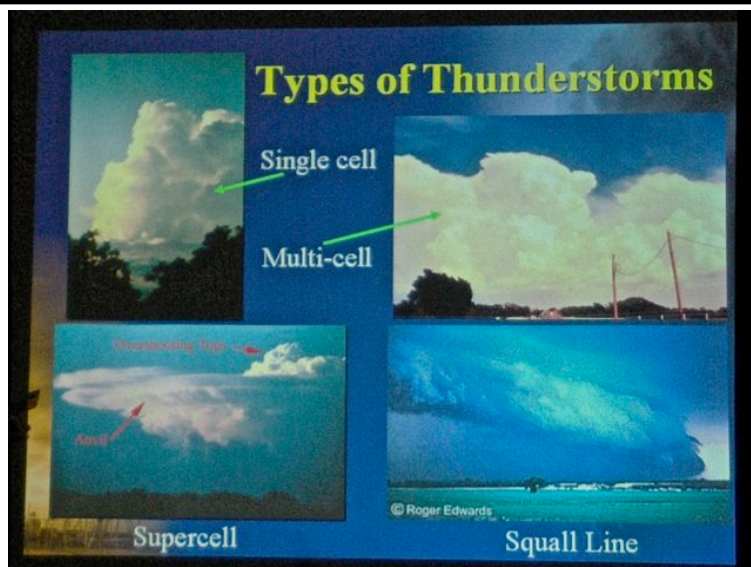
**Sunday Night Net Manager:** Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF



The 2010 Weather Spotters' Class was held at the old post office on 8th street, now part of Ōlas-Col ApparatusŒ and regular meeting place for the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association.

Dave Tucek, KC9CNF, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service from Indianapolis, was this evening's presenter. Although freezing rain and snow were earlier predicted, the weather was dry for Dave's trip over here from Indy. (How does he DO that???)

Due to this unseasonably cold weather, we have had no severe weather threats in the Wabash Valley this winter, so far. Nevertheless, with the sun gaining prominence farther north each day, it is only a matter of time before the inevitable screaming of our NOAA Weather Radios and pagers will again be heard across the valley so we invited Dave to be here to remind us of what to look for when the time comes.



Dave prepares his projector; he showed numerous examples of people dangerously challenging Darwin's theory of natural selection.



Here Dave shows many neat 'goodies' one can find at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ind/>



Dan Reynolds of WTWO showed up to interview Dave Tucek.



Vigo Co. ARES coordinator Doug, KB9JLR, talks with Club Treasurer, Nick, N9WG



Suzie, KB9BLH and Keith, WA9DRO, Illiana Skywarn coordinator, talk with Mike, N9GIK.



Chuck, W9COD, brought his popcorn machine. YUMMY, and good for you too!



Keith, WA9DRO, Dave, KC9CNF and Doug, KB9JLR, take a break.



(Sorry we just couldn't resist. -ed.)



# APRS AND WEATHER SPOTTING

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First in a series

There has been some interest lately about using APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System). Some will argue APRS means Automatic Packet Reporting System; we will let them go off to the other room to debate. I gave a couple of presentations to the WVARA club meeting several years ago about APRS, its use in weather nets and it looks like the seeds have taken root in this area. This is a further proposal/development of the idea to make the severe weather nets more productive, smoother and with less verbal traffic on the air so that more data that are important can be relayed on a timely basis. This will solve the need to know two important things: Where are you, the spotter, located and where are you in relation to a severe weather cell. Net control needs to know. Net control asking where you are ties up a lot of valuable air time and is sometimes confusing if net control is not familiar with the surroundings of an area the mobile spotter is reporting from. There have even been times when the spotter didn't know where they were. The other issue is resolved by an overlay of a radar image showing where you are in relation to severe cells.

First lets start with getting a system for mobiles to report their location via APRS. There are many ways to get an APRS system set up for a mobile. We will describe a couple that are cost effective and reliable. These can be seen at: <http://www.byonics.com/tinytrak/> (Nice to get an electronic copy of the Bandspread so you can just click on the link and your Internet will take you there). As you can see, you can build your own from a kit or have it pre-assembled. All you need additionally is a handheld 2 meter rig and a GPS, or you can order the GPS from them too at a very reasonable price. Either way you can have a mobile APRS station for about \$100.00.

The other option is the: <http://www.byonics.com/microtrak/mtbft.php> With this one you will not need a handheld 2 meter rig because it has a 35 watt transmitter in the package but is more pricy.

Next month we will explore the net control side of APRS and weather spotting.

73,

John, N9YRX



With the club getting a new website we have set up a number of new email addresses to simplify contacting key individuals. Along with the new system came some new settings for the list server. To begin with, the WVARA club list server ([wvara@w9uuu.org](mailto:wvara@w9uuu.org)) is now a moderated list server. There are several people who are watching the list to ensure that messages get through in a timely manner. However, if you have something urgent that needs to get out send a message to the [board@w9uuu.org](mailto:board@w9uuu.org) address and we will make sure it gets sent ASAP.

The BOARD list server ([board@w9uuu.org](mailto:board@w9uuu.org)) was created as a way to send a message to just the current board members, simplifying the problems of trying to remember everyone's address. One simple address gets everyone on the board the message. Beyond the list server we have set up forwarding addresses to the various club officers and volunteers who make our club work. For example, simplifying sending a message to [president@w9uuu.org](mailto:president@w9uuu.org) will get the message to the club president, so you don't have to remember their address or have to ask the question, "is he the current president or the past-president?"

## List Servers:

[wvara@w9uuu.org](mailto:wvara@w9uuu.org) is the WVARA list server. This and only this address is moderated.

[board@w9uuu.org](mailto:board@w9uuu.org) is the BOARD list server. This is sent to all current board members automatically.

## Simplified Board Member Contacts:

[president@w9uuu.org](mailto:president@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Kevin Berlin, K9HX

[vicepresident@w9uuu.org](mailto:vicepresident@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Chuck Procarione, W9COD

[secretary@w9uuu.org](mailto:secretary@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Bette Young, KC9GWT

[treasurer@w9uuu.org](mailto:treasurer@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Nick Vinardi, N9WG

[trustee@w9uuu.org](mailto:trustee@w9uuu.org) - forwards to David Pifer, N9YNF

[pastpresident1@w9uuu.org](mailto:pastpresident1@w9uuu.org) - forward to Gary Adams, W9EEU

[boardmember1@w9uuu.org](mailto:boardmember1@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL

## Simplified Key Volunteer Contacts:

[bandsread@w9uuu.org](mailto:bandsread@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Gary Wheeler, K9ERE

[clubstation@w9uuu.org](mailto:clubstation@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Ray Andrews, K9DUR

[daytonbus@w9uuu.org](mailto:daytonbus@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Nick Vinardi, N9WG

[education@w9uuu.org](mailto:education@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Ron Young, AB9GI

[fieldday@w9uuu.org](mailto:fieldday@w9uuu.org) - forwards to David Pifer, N9YNF

[hamfest@w9uuu.org](mailto:hamfest@w9uuu.org) - forwards to Nick Vinardi, N9WG

[postmaster@w9uuu.org](mailto:postmaster@w9uuu.org) - forwards to David Pifer, N9YNF (Email Postmaster)

[webmaster@w9uuu.org](mailto:webmaster@w9uuu.org) - forwards to David Pifer, N9YNF

With the advent of the email forwarding capability we have been discussing the idea of being able set up forwarding rules for members as well. [YourCallsign@w9uuu.org](mailto:YourCallsign@w9uuu.org) could become a reality in the near distant future. However we need your input. If we offered mail forwarding for club members would you be interested in using such a service? Send an email to [board@w9uuu.org](mailto:board@w9uuu.org) if personal email forwarding from a [w9uuu.org](mailto:w9uuu.org) address is appealing to you.

Dave, N9YNF

# WVARA 2010 MEMBERSHIP LIST

As of February 24, 2010

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## Listed by Call Sign (sort of)

Call	First Name	Last Name
AB9GI	RON	YOUNG
K9CUN	JOHN	DERRY
K9DRP	DON	PINE
K9DUR	Ray	Andrews
K9ERE	GARY	WHEELER
K9GBO	JOHN	VOIGT
K9HX	KEVIN	BERLEN
K9KJQ	BILL	WILSON
K9PIE	JOHN T	BELL
K9SGL	TED	BRENTLINGER
K9YHW	JOSEPH	HAWKER
KA9ALI	PATRICIA	WHEELER
KA9MFW	DONETTA	BERLEN
KB9INQ	HERB	BROCKSMITH
KB9MQG	WILLIAM	KAMMLER
KB9NLJ	MARY	PIFER
KB9OAA	MARCIE	BARNETT
KB9PTM	BOB	FREDRICH
KB9RUP	KENNA	HITTLE
KB9TJW	PAT	COX
KB9YNM	HEATHER	DEVORE
KB9YNO	JANE	PINE
KB9YWC	ROBERT	MCDONALD
KB9ZVA	Terry	Hackett
KC9AGL	Karen	Burkybile
KC9AOR	DEBBIE	SHORTER
KC9BBK	JASON	BERLEN
KC9DRS	NICHOLAS	PIFER
KC9GWT	BETTE	YOUNG
KC9HQP	JEFF	MITCHELL
KC9IUP	MIKE	CHATLIN
KC9JAC	JOSEPH	CLOUTIER
KC9JMC	MELANIE	CLOUTIER
KC9JPZ	JOHN	SWEZ
KC9KNG	NATHAN	PIFER
KC9OHQ	JIM	MAILLOUX
KC9PVP	CODY	DEVORE
KC9RBC	ROBIN	VINARDI
KC9RBD	AUSTIN	STAMIS
KC9RBF	ANN	MITCHELL
KE9IX	SONNY	HAUMESSER
KG9GS	RANDY	HITTLE
N3HZK	BRENDAN	WRYNN
N3IKG	PATRICIA	WRYNN
N9RCU	HOWARD	SMITH
N9TVJ	MITCH	BARNETT
N9WG	NICK	VINARDI
N9YNF	DAVE	PIFER
N9ZXO	RONNIE	WOODALL
NT9T	STEVE	SHORTER
W9EEU	Gary	Adams
W9FFA	BILL	HAYES
W9GWC	GERALD	COCKRELL
W9PRR	BOB	SWAIN
W9SMW	DIANE	BRENTLINGER
W9VKD	KENNETH	HAUPTLI
WA9AIZ	ROBERT	ABBINETT
WA9DRO	Keith	Reedy
WA9TGO	JAMES	CANARECCI
WB9MCD	Tim	Doty
WB9Q	BRUCE	BLACK
WB9WVG	STEVE	HARDIN
WD9BDE	JEFF	VICARS
WD9EEU	MELODY	ADAMS
	Mary	Doty

## Listed by Last Name

Call	First Name	Last Name
WA9AIZ	ROBERT	ABBINETT
W9EEU	Gary	Adams
WD9EEU	MELODY	ADAMS
K9DUR	Ray	Andrews
KB9OAA	MARCIE	BARNETT
N9TVJ	MITCH	BARNETT
K9PIE	JOHN T	BELL
K9HX	KEVIN	BERLEN
KA9MFW	DONETTA	BERLEN
KC9BBK	JASON	BERLEN
WB9Q	BRUCE	BLACK
K9SGL	TED	BRENTLINGER
W9SMW	DIANE	BRENTLINGER
KB9INQ	HERB	BROCKSMITH
KC9AGL	Karen	Burkybile
WA9TGO	JAMES	CANARECCI
KC9IUP	MIKE	CHATLIN
KC9JAC	JOSEPH	CLOUTIER
KC9JMC	MELANIE	CLOUTIER
W9GWC	GERALD	COCKRELL
KB9TJW	PAT	COX
K9CUN	JOHN	DERRY
KB9YNM	HEATHER	DEVORE
KC9PVP	CODY	DEVORE
WB9MCD	Tim	Doty
	Mary	Doty
KB9PTM	BOB	FREDRICH
KB9ZVA	Terry	Hackett
WB9WVG	STEVE	HARDIN
KE9IX	SONNY	HAUMESSER
W9VKD	KENNETH	HAUPTLI
K9YHW	JOSEPH	HAWKER
W9FFA	BILL	HAYES
KB9RUP	KENNA	HITTLE
KG9GS	RANDY	HITTLE
KB9MQG	WILLIAM	KAMMLER
KC9OHQ	JIM	MAILLOUX
KB9YWC	ROBERT	MCDONALD
KC9HQP	JEFF	MITCHELL
KC9RBF	ANN	MITCHELL
KB9NLJ	MARY	PIFER
KC9DRS	NICHOLAS	PIFER
KC9KNG	NATHAN	PIFER
N9YNF	DAVE	PIFER
K9DRP	DON	PINE
KB9YNO	JANE	PINE
WA9DRO	Keith	Reedy
KC9AOR	DEBBIE	SHORTER
NT9T	STEVE	SHORTER
N9RCU	HOWARD	SMITH
KC9RBD	AUSTIN	STAMIS
W9PRR	BOB	SWAIN
KC9JPZ	JOHN	SWEZ
WD9BDE	JEFF	VICARS
KC9RBC	ROBIN	VINARDI
N9WG	NICK	VINARDI
K9GBO	JOHN	VOIGT
K9ERE	GARY	WHEELER
KA9ALI	PATRICIA	WHEELER
K9KJQ	BILL	WILSON
N9ZXO	RONNIE	WOODALL
N3HZK	BRENDAN	WRYNN
N3IKG	PATRICIA	WRYNN
AB9GI	RON	YOUNG
KC9GWT	BETTE	YOUNG

The purpose of posting this list every March, is to determine if our current membership list is complete and accurate. If you have paid your dues but your name is *not* on the above list, you need to contact our treasurer, Nick, N9WG or our secretary, Bette, KC9GWT, so we can correct this error (see page 5 for e-mail addresses).

Also, if you have had a change in address, either geographical or e-mail, you need to see or contact Nick so he can correct our records. A good time to do this would be when you pay your dues. Nick can give you a new membership form where you can update important information. In addition to a failure to receive notice of a new Bandspread issue, you might also miss any announcement of special meetings that might have been called.

So, if your name should be on the above list but isn't, or if you *are* on the above list but you know that your current information is *not* up-to-date, please contact Nick. - TNX, ed.



# K5IXT ANTENNA PARTY

Now HERE'S how to do it RIGHT!

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## WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2010

Please complete this form and include it with your dues. You may return this application in person or mail to:

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.  
P.O. BOX 10081  
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47801

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Mo/Dy/Yr) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Year first licensed \_\_\_\_\_ Year of last WVARA membership \_\_\_\_\_ New Member? ☐

ARES member? ☐ QCWA member? ☐ RACES member? ☐

This newsletter will come to you by e-mail in .pdf format unless you specifically request a paper copy below. We encourage you to choose the electronic version because: 1. It costs the Club less to produce and deliver it; and 2. In the electronic version, the pictures are in color and it arrives earlier! Of course, you can still make a paper copy of it on your printer, if you wish.

If you are applying for a family membership please list below the licensed family members [living at home] that you wish to include.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

Please add \$5 per family member above to the Single rate below. To include ARRL membership, see a current QST for the amount.

Dues options: Single (\$20) Family (Single + \$5 per family member) Add ARRL membership?\* Total pmt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: 1. Payments made Sept. - Dec. apply to membership for the following year; 2. ARRL also has a family membership program as well. See QST.

\*Club gets a rebate from the ARRL!





## The President's Corner

I don't know about everyone else, but I am very ready for spring to arrive. It seems like Old Man Winter has had a grip on the Wabash Valley far longer than normal this year.

The WVARA Hamfest is almost here. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer in some capacity, please consider doing so. There are many areas where we could use some help. Let Nick, N9WG, know if you can help in some way. We have some great vendors signed up already, and a good location for the event. This year promises to be one of our best events.

The Club will be presenting the 2010 Brentlinger Award on Saturday, March 20. The dinner will be held at St. Ann's on Locust St. in Terre Haute. This will be a carry in dinner, with the club will providing the meat and drinks. We have Gary Stouder, K9SG, lined up as a speaker. Dr. Stouder is an avid DX'er, and has been a member of numerous DXpeditions. He will be speaking on the medical aspects of preparing to take part in DXpedition.

We have a very busy spring and summer planned, and it is almost upon us. The Indiana QSO party will take place in about two months, and Field Day a month after that. As I write this, I just noticed that we received about an inch of new snow last night. Thinking of the upcoming events helps me to remember that winter will soon be just a memory. I am ready to get the cold and snow behind us and look forward to another great year of events and activities for the WVARA. I hope to see all of you at our March meeting. Until then, 73.

Kevin, K9HX

## Map to the WVARA Hamfest

(as indicated by the red 'A' balloon below)

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## WVARA VE TESTING

### TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

1st Sunday of even-numbered months; 1 P.M., Indiana time.

1715 S. 8th St., east of the main Glas-Col building. Use the front entrance to the building on 8th St.

For further info, contact:

Ray Andrews, K9DUR, (812) 535-3222

### PARIS, ILLINOIS:

2nd Saturday of Jan., May, Jul., Sep., Nov; 8:30 A.M. Illinois time.

Burkybile Law Office  
15175 U.S. Highway 150

For further info, contact:

Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, (217) 465-4884

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### MARCH 13 WVARA HAMFEST

**MARCH 13 PARIS** (Extra session)

**APRIL 4 TERRE HAUTE**

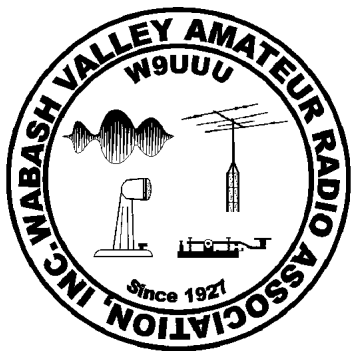
## IRC VE TESTING

2nd Thursday of every month, 7 P.M., Indiana time, at Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall.

For further info, contact: Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 238-0584 or [veteam@illianaradioclub.org](mailto:veteam@illianaradioclub.org)

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**TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA**

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## **2010 HAMFEST**

WITH

## **Commercial Vendors**

## **Saturday March 13, 2010**

**Indoor Event – Rain or Shine!**

**8:00 AM to 1:00 PM EST**

*Vendor setup begins at 7:00 AM*

## **TERRE HAUTE ARMORY**

Talk-In: K9IKQ/R, 146.685 MHz, PL 151.4 Hz

**Admission \$5.00 (12 and under free)**

## ***FREE TABLES***

*but only a limited number of tables are available.*

***Outdoor tailgating is permitted.***

Hourly drawings for Door Prizes

Breakfast and lunch will be available

ARRL VEC coordinated testing TBA

QCWA Chapter 204 and CAARLA YLRL meetings immediately following the Hamfest

Look for us on the Internet at: [www.w9uuu.org](http://www.w9uuu.org)

For more information contact [N9WG@hotmail.com](mailto:N9WG@hotmail.com)

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**Driving Directions from I-70, East or West:**

1. At Exit 11, Go north on State Road 46.
2. Proceed 3-1/4 miles to US Highway 40 (Wabash Ave.) & turn left (west).
3. Proceed 1-1/2 miles to Blakely Ave. (1<sup>st</sup> stoplight) & turn right (north). Blakely Ave. will become Fruitridge Ave.
4. Proceed 1-1/4 miles to Maple Ave. & turn left (west). North Vigo H.S. is on NW corner.
5. Proceed 1/3 mile to Armory on right.

**Driving Directions from the South on US Highway 41:**

Proceed to Maple Ave. on the north edge of town. Maple Ave. is 1-3/4 miles north of courthouse and 4 miles north of I-70.

1. Turn right on Maple Ave. (east) & proceed 2.5 miles to Armory on left.

**Driving Directions from the North on US Highway 41 or State Road 63:**

1. Proceed to Maple Ave. on the north edge of town. Maple Ave. is at the point where US 41 & State Road 63 come together.
2. Turn left on Maple Ave. (east) & proceed 2.5 miles to Armory on left.